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Maine Was Wrecked and Our Sailors Murdered By the Enemy at Havana.

FULL ABSTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL REPORT

Blown Up By a Mine, Which Lifted the Great Battleship and Exploded Two Magazines.

A Formal, Dispassionate Recital of the Facts - No Evidence to Fix Responsibility-Report Is Guarded In Expression and Neither Spain Nor the Spanish Are Mentioned-Complete Exoneration of Captain Sigabee and All On Board-The Temperature In the Forward Magazines Was Normal and the Accident Theory Is Completely Demolished.

(The Associated Press abstract of the court of inquiry report, Copyright, 1828, by the Associated Press.) Washington, March 27.-The Associated Press presents herewith a com-

plete abstract of the report of the court of inquiry which investigated the wreckage of the battleship Maine. This abstract is made from the report itself, access to which was obtained today, despite official secrecy unparalleled in the handling of official papers.

The report is made up of eight parts, as follows:

First-The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship

Maine was lving in five and one-half to six fathems of water. Second-The discipline aboard the ship was excellent; everything stored according to orders-ammunition, guns, stores, etc. The temperature of the magazine at S p. m. was normal except in the after ten-inch maga gine and that did not explode.

Third-The explosion occurred at 9:40 o'clock on the evening of Febtary 15. THERE WERE TWO EXPLOSIONS, WITH A VERY SHORT INTERVAL BETWEEN THEM, THE SHIP LIFTED ON THE FIRST EXPLOSION

Fourth-The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the eck from the divers' evidence.

Fifth-The technical details of the wreckage, from which the court deduces THAT A MINE WAS EXPLODED UNDER THE SHIP ON THE

Sixth-The explosion was due to no fault of those on board. Seventh-Opinion of the the court, stating that the EXPLOSION OF THE MINE CAUSED THE EXPLOSION OF TWO MAGAZINES.

Eighth-The court declares that it CANNOT FIND EVIDENCE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY.

REPORT IS UNANIMOUS.

The report is unanimous and is signed by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence of non-existence of the mine in the harbor of Havana, except in the specific finding that a mine was exploded under the ship, and the opinion that the explosion of the two magazines was caused

The report as a whole is a formal dispassionate recital of facts, and bears the stamp of that strict officialism which marks naval procedure. It is brief, not exceeding 1.800 words, and among the eight points, goes to the greatest length under the second heading, which deals with the discipline and order of the ship. This the court specifies with extreme minuteness, the least detail of the satisfactory condition of everything on board being given.

ACCIDENT THEORY EXPLODED.

The normal temperature of the large forward magazines at 8 o'clockonly an hour and 40 minutes before the explosion-disposes of the question of accidental combustion within these magazines. While the court holds that these magazines did not explode from internal causes, they nevertheless are of the opinion that the explosion of the mine under the port side of the ship caused the explosion of the two magnitudes. This will explain the remarkable destruction wrought, the explosion thus being shown to have combined the force of a mine without and the two magazines

The two explosions, which the court finds to have occurred with a very short interval between them, is an additional detail showing that two forces operated in causing the destruction. The finding that the ship lifted on the first explosion indicates an external source, and one of tremendous power, to to lift a battleship of thousands of tons. The character of the wreckage, technically described in the fifth part of the report, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side, sustains the view taken by some expects shortly after the disaster, that the

THE NAVY EXONERATED.

The feature of the report of despest interest to the navy is the complete exoneration of Captain Sigsbee and all on board, contained in the second finding, which declares the disaster to be due to no fault of those on board. The leability of the court to find evidence to fix responsibility, as stated in the eighth part, makes the report so guarded in expression of blame that neither Spain nor the Spanish are mentioned throughout.

SPANISH COURT'S REPORT.

Messenger On the Run With It From Havana to Washington.
London, March 27.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times noting that Spain apendent of the Times noting that Spain apendent, and the Times noting that Spain appendent of the Times noting the Spain appendent of the Spain appenden

"Spain is entitled to govern Cubs, but not to extirpate the Cubsins. A weak despotism is the most cruel government. President McKinley's caim and sober language does honor to him as a Christian and statesman, and Spain will commit a grievous mistake if she interprets this as a confession I, weakness.

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"Senor Sagasta has a great opportunity. In President NcKinley he has a bigh-minded and generous opponent, who will make things as easy for Spain as he can. It is curious how completely, at this critical time, Mr. Sherman has faffen into the background and Mr. Mc-Kinley come to the front.

SPIRIT OF TRADES UNIONS.

Chicago Printers Demand That Cuban THREATENING NOTE Butchery Cease.

Chicago, March 27.-At the regular neeting of Chicago Typographical union, No. 16, held today, the following open letter was ordered telegraphed to Washington:

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"George Fess, 1401 Stoughton Street; W. E. Mason, Senator, and Colleagues, Washington:

"Chicago Typographical union, No. 16, believes that the eloquent appeals to the intelligence of the American people by Senators Thurston, Proctor and Gallinger in the United States senate on behalf of the starving women and children of Cuba, place the United States in a position where their duty to civilization and humanity is clear. This union, therefore, calls upon the Chicago congressmen and senators of Illinois to insist upon the United States demanding that the butchery, starvation and inhuman policy pursued by Spain in Cuba, under the guise of so-called warfare, shall cease forthwith, and in the name of humanity, which rises superior to diplomacy and precedent, to enforce such demand immediately—peaceably, if possible; by force of arms, if necessary.

"Charles Deacon, President, Secretary."

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Threw Over a Bargain Rome, March 27.—The Fantulia says the talian government has declined to sell to the United States the warship Danta Scena, for which 2000,000 lire was offered, sing 5,000,000 over her cost price.

THOUSANDS OF HOMES FLOODED

LARGE PART OF CINCINNATI UNDER WATER.

Families Are Lucky In the Western Porkopolis Who Live In a Twostory House-Cottages Deserted.

Cincinnati, O., March 27.-Unless rain should come copiously and quickly, the present freshet of the Ohio river will very soon pour the great stood into the Mississippi river. From Portsmouth up it is falling tonight. At Pertsmouth It is failing foright. At all points below Cairo it is rising. Here at Cincinnasi-the current is unusually swift, which indicates that the volume of water from tributaries below has diminished greatly and given free course to the piled-up waters above. Reports from various parts of the Ohio valley agree m annaincing warm temperature.

piled-up waters above. Reports from various parts of the Ohio valley agers in annuancing warm bemperature, cloudy skies and high winds, with only one instance of drizzing rain.

At Cincinnati the mercury registered 68. In the lowlands of Cincinnati nearly 1,660 houses are flooded with from one to four feet of water. Some have been abandoned, which is the onse with one-story cottages, in two-story houses families remain in the upper stories. Of the flooded houses, 500 are in and about Cumminsville, from Ruck-water in Mill creek, where the hundation is more annoying than serious. In and about Columbia, the extreme river limit of the city, 500 houses are sasked with from one to four feet of water. At Riverside, the extreme down stream limit of the city, 100 houses are affected about as those at Columbia, Those driven out find no difficulty in securing shelter with flort more fortunate neighbors, though some occupy texts on high land. Household offects

These driven out find no difficulty in securing shelter with their more fortunate neighbors, though some occupy tents on high land. Homeshold effects damagnable by water bave either been sared by timely removal or by friendly boats. Nearly all affected are experienced flood fighters, and are selden enught mapping when a great rise comes down the Ohio.

On the Kentucky side the inhabitants of the lowiands near Dayton and Bellevine have been placed in the same unpleasant situation as their Cincinnatineighbors. But most of them have seen floods before now, and know how to make the best of them. Thus far no casualties have been reported. The railroads are all in better condition. The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern is compeled to make rours east and west, but this will soon be over, as repairs are pushed with all possible dispatch.

The Chemnati, Georgelowa & Portsmouth railroad was compelled to make transfers in the east end of Cincinnationals, All other roads are practically intact.

Overwhelming Sagasta Victory For the Cortes.

FROM WASHINGTON

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Now Hardly Bc Avoided.

Latest Intelligence From This Country Has Inspired a Great Patrictic Movement Throughout Spain-Movement Throughout Movement Throughout Instance of the John Movement Throughout Movement Throughout Movement T

ELECTION IN HAVANA.

Havana, March 37.—Election day in Havana has been more quiet than many election days in New York. Chicago and other large American cities. The government took admirable percautions in the nature of a nelter guard, which proved effective. There was a good deal of appreciention among some of the Americans owing to the distribution of a threaten owing in the distribution of a threaten owing of the inadequate relief and the distribution of a threaten owing the interest of the inadequate relief and the persistence of distribution, but claim the produced the results that would justify building out the prospect of early particular, but it is too soon to give the result of the government licket, including 29 autonomists and ten conservatives, had been election, but claim for the government licket, including 29 autonomists and ten conservatives, had been elections, but claim are the contingencies are now fast approaching for the action which was forestandowed in a presidential message and diplomatic correspondence see frequently and clearly during the last three years.

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with the railway companies for the prompt conveyance of troops to threatened points," etc., preparations which El Liberal characterizes as "childish"—it says:

"All this looks much more as though America expected war to be declared against her than that she is about to declare it against Spain."

In political circles all sorts of rumors are affeat as to Spain having formed a powerful alliance. The truth as to this, if there be any truth in it at all, is at present known to that only, which maintains an imperturbable reserve.

WHAT WOODFORD SAID.

Words Uttered By Our Minister at Friday's Conference.

Madrid, March 27.-El Liberal, commenting upon the long conference on Friday between Senor Gullon, the for-

passed off, on the whole quietly. The indications are that the government of Senor Sagasta will have an enormous majority, estimated at 100 of the 422 seats in the congress.

Disorders are apprehended at Bilben, where the polling caused great excitement. The military judge at Bilben issued a warrant for the arrest of these Socialists municipal connectors. One of them was taken into custody, but the other two escaped.

ELECTION IN HAVANA.

Washington.

Leadon, March 27.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says:

"I am able to state that the following is the real course of the negotiations. During the past week, on Wednesday, United States Minister Woodford had an official interview with the minister of them was taken into custody, but the other two escaped.

ELECTION IN HAVANA.

a presidential message and diplomatic correspondent of the Frankfort Zeitung in product of the Frankfort Zeitung in the last three years.

Senoy Gulian, the minister of foreign affeirs, has informed me that an extremely threatening nate has arrived from Washington regarding the cessation of war in Cuba. He added: "No matter how one regards the affair, a rupture can now hardly be avoided."

FOREIGN MEDIATION.

Senor Gulian, the minister of topeign affairs, still takes hopefully, but in viri reserved torms, cogarding the recent exchange of views with Europeans governments. Diplomacy is most active, all the ambassalors are receiving some communications from their respective governments. The newspapers attach the greatest importance to this phase of the question, to much so that interest in the elections is most lacking.

Rumor persistently points to Russia as the most likely mediator. Separ Sagasta is said to be hone with a diplomatic document, either a note to the American government or a circular to the powers.

SPANISH PATRIOTISM.

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SPANISH PATRIOTISM.

Madrid, March II.—The latest intelligence from the United States has occasioned a great patriotic movement throughout State. A large number of personal have announced thair intention to give up a day's pay for services in order to raise a fund to prurchase a warship. A committee, over which the bishop of Madrid will preside has been commanded, the receipts of which are to be devoted to this purpose.

"IGNORANT SUTLER."

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conside and that the German Admiral Knorr, with members of the mand com-mittee, had studied, at the emperor's di-rection, a number of exhaustive renormal cabled from Havana and had reached the conclusion that it was due to the over-heating of the Main's coal bunkers, a view ambussador White was said to whare.

What Spain Declines to Do. Berlin, March II.—The Madrid correspondent of the Berliner Tagoblatt asym Spain will not only refuse to allow American interference in ansisting the suffering Cubans, but will decline to pay Indemnity unless it is shown unmistakably that the Spanish authorities worker responsible for the Maine explosion. If President detunands these two things, war is unnvoldable.

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Senator White Here.

OREGON'S FUSION TICKET. Together With the Nominees of the

Chramas county.

Superintendent public instruction, H. S.
Lyman (Popullist), Claisop county.

The middle-of-the-road Popullists who botted the regular Popullist currention norminated a state ticket as follows:
Georgeof, J. C. Liese, Grant county; secretary of state, its Wakefield, Jackson county; same treasurer, J. K. Sears.

Polk county, superfutention public instruction, J. E. Howner, Yaminia county; state printer, D. L. Grace, Harmey, evenity; congressman First district, J. L. Hing, Linn county.

MINER TERRIBLY INJURED.

Augustine Erieson of Hailey Loses His Eyesight.

o'clock Augustine Erieson met with an ecident from the effects of which he has not the sight of both oyes and sustained fracture of the left arm. If we work go at his claim on Charle Fork, these in

SERVICE OF MARS

Sabbath Cuts No Figure In War Preparations.

CABINET MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE

Never Since the Civil War Was Sunday Activity So Evident.

Significant Conference of Senor Polo and Judge Day at State Department -Steady Progress In Peace Negotiations-Presdent's Policy Outlined-Developments of a Day In the Cuban Situation-Militia Preparations-Naval Movements.

Washington, Marchi27,-The president saw a number of the members of the cabinet at the White House today. They dropped in one by one until those present included Secretaries Bilss, Alger, Gage and Attorney Griggs. them also was Assistant Secretary Day of the state department, who presumably had some disputches to show the Radical Populist Boiters, orthand, Gre., March T.—A fusion state out under the names of the Péople's mortand, Gre., March T.—A fusion state out under the names of the Péople's mortand. First and the three contons adjourned. The following nonlinos were made: overnar, W. R. King (Populist), Baker nty.

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At the state, war and navy departments there was, during the earlier portions of the day, little semblance of the Sabbath. Chiefs of bureaus, clerks, measurement and telegraph operators were at work. Probably never since the days of the late war have so many officials gathered at the war and navy departments on a Sunday. Dispatches that came over hight, regarding the movements of salps and other matters, were received, and as many of them required prompt answer in the present emergency, regilies were forwarded.

Secretury Long, however, did not appear at the navy department during the day, as most of the matters requiring attention were thuse that could as well be attended to by bureau officers and their assistants. Mrs. Long has been ill for some time, and the secretary in part abook official carea and spent the mater parties of the day with her. In the afternoon, in company with Mrs. Long, the secretary drays to the navy varid and inspected. AT THE DEPARTMENT.

WHAT SPAIN HAS LOST IN LESS THAN A CENTURY.

